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SUBJ: COMOROS' ECONOMY MINISTER VISITS TANANARIVE

1. MOHAMED TOILIBOU, "DELEGUE" OF THE COMOROS FOR THE ECONOMY, FINANCE AND PLANNING, PAID THREE-DAY VISIT TO TANANARIVE IN ORDER TO

A. MEET MALAGASY MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE AND
B. TO ARRANGE FOR MALAGASY EXPORT OF SALT AND SUGAR TO COMOROS.

2. DURING MY CALL ON TOILIBOU DEC. 16TH, HE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER ASSISTANCE THAT HE COULD EXPECT FROM GOMR. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN DEPARTURE OF THE FRENCH CIVIL SERVANTS FROM THE COMOROS, NEW GOVERNMENT OF COMOROS IS HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME ADMINISTERING THE COUNTRY SINCE THE FRENCH HAD COMPLETELY DOMINATED THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS. HE ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HOPED THAT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE UN, COULD PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO RESTORE ORDER IN THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION. (WE KNOW THAT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF UNDP HERE VISITED COMOROS TEN DAYS AGO.)

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3. ALTHOUGH FRENCH PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN COMOROS CONTINUES WITHOUT

INTERRUPTION, TOILIBOU SAID, THERE IS URGENT NEED TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN VIEW OF CUT-OFF OF FRENCH GOVERNMENTAL AID. FOR THE LONGER TERM, COMOROS NEED TO DEVELOP FISH, SOAP AND SALT INDUSTRIES TO EXPAND THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC BASE. HE ALSO NOTED SPECIFICALLY THAT COMOROS NEEDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. SO FAR THEY HAVE HAD NO OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE, EVEN THOUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO UN HAS BEEN ACTIVELY DISCUSSING SITUATION WITH UN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK.

4. ON POLITICAL SIDE, TOILIBOU STATED THAT CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSION WILL BE CONVENED BEFORE THE END OF DEC. AND WILL BE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A NEW, PARLIAMENTARY-STYLE CONSTITUTION WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY NATION-WIDE REFERENDUM. AT THE MOMENT, GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SAID MOHAMED JAFFAR IS COMPOSED OF "DELEGUES" FOR THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES (TWO "DELEGUES" FOR ALL MINISTRIES EXCEPT ONE) AND FIVE "POLITICAL COMMISSIONERS" (CIVIL SERVANTS), ONE FOR EACH MINISTRY. CABINET IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEFENSE AND JUSTICE - ALI SOILIH
MOUCHTADE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS - ALI TOIHIR
ABBAS DJOUSSOUF

ECONOMY AND FINANCE - ABDOU SALAM
MOHAMED TOILIBOU

HOUSING - Y. SOUFFIANE

SOCIAL AFFAIRS - ABDOUL KADER AHMED
ABDOUL WASSION

CABINET MEMBERS DO NOT REPRESENT ANY POLITICAL PARTIES OR GROUPINGS, ACCORDING TO TOILIBOU, BUT ARE APPARENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH PRESIDENT JAFFAR'S NATIONAL UNITED FRONT.

5. TOILIBOU WAS UNCERTAIN AS TO EVENTUAL OUTCOME OF FRENCH PLANS ON MAYOTTE WHERE 450-MAN GARRISON OF FOREIGN LEGIONNAIRES AND GENDARMES REMAIN IN PLACE. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT ACTUAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SITUATION WAS ON MAYOTTE, HE SAID THAT "STATE OF WAR EXISTS."

6. EMB. RECEIVED USUN 6872 (NOTAL) AFTER FOREGOING WAS PREPARED. REQUEST DEPT'S ADVICE ON WHETHER ADDITIONAL INFO DESIRED FROM MCADAMS OF UNDP. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COPY OF NY TIMES STORY OF DEC. 15.SHEINBAUM

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